GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF RESCUE TEAM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has sent a proposal to the Union Governmentfor setting up of a Rescue Team to undertake the relief work during natural calamity like drought, flood;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are aware that some parts of West Bengal are drought prone and hundreds of people die every year due to non-availability of Rescue Team; and

(d) if so, whether the Union Government propose to raise any such rescue team to undertake relief work as and when required in any part of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): No such proposal has been received from the Government of Maharashtra in the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation.

(c): Four districts in West Bengal are covered by the Drought Prone Areas Programme(DPAP) implemented by the Department of Land Resources in the Ministry of Rural Development. No report regarding such deaths has been received from West Bengal.

(d): No such proposal is at present under the consideration of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation.